

Lakehead Radio Club
Meeting, November 1st, 1939

After a tasty dinner held at the G. B. Tea Room, the President called the meeting to order with the reading of the minutes. Moved by Ray Greer that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Alex. Fulton.

The President then introduced the guest of honour, Sergeant Webster of the R. C. A. F., who thanked the members for requesting his attendance. A short address was given, then Sergeant Webster requested a general rag chew of the subject of recruiting. Entrance schooling now required a technical knowledge of radio circuits and 18 words per minute code. Morse, lamp and flag semaphore are required and taught. Equipment now in use includes Marconi and Lear sets. Recruits are divided into 3 groups, A, B, and C. Privates (C) receive \$1.70 per day clear without allowances. Qualified (B) receive \$2.10 while Expert (A) receive \$2.55 per day. As enlisted personnel, they are sent to Manning Pool training school, Toronto and from there to other training schools in Camp Borden, Trenton or St Thomas; from there they are sent to the different squadrons. Sergeant Webster advised of a new quota for 10 operators. He also thought that anyone getting in now would have a good chance for advancement and training. Wireless operators are required to satisfactorily pass three different medical examinations since they may be required to serve on ground or plane stations.

There are 25 different trades in the service, requiring matriculation, suitable type and outstanding in craft or administration ability. The operators course is about 18 weeks duration and includes both voice and code.

A discussion ensued covering various topics including aeroplane warfare, detection equipment in planes and the various weights of bombs for attacking subs at different depths. Uniforms and all clothing, tools etc. are issued to recruits.

A vote of thanks was expressed by the President and seconded by P. J. O'Shea and Lloyd Collins.

The annual picnic was discussed and tentative dates of July 9th and 16th were set, subject to arrangements to be left to the committee.

The matter of changing the date of the election of officers was brought up but it was left in abeyance until the fall.

Consideration was given to preparing an exhibit for the fall fair but nothing definite was decided. It was left for the committee to consider it's advisability.

At this point, various members related their personal experiences from their early times in radio. Some very amusing stories were related to everyone's enjoyment.

Key clicks were discussed by the President and a few good pointers advanced by members. "Safety Measures", an important current radio topic, were then discussed, especially with regard to handling high voltage, several members added their ideas on the subject.

On a motion by Lloyd Collins, seconded by Alex. Fulton the meeting adjourned and thrown open to general rag chew.